# TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



## **FISCAL NOTE**

### HB 611 - SB 702

March 12, 2015

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Authorizes private property owners in Bledsoe and White counties to eradicate wild hogs year around by any means necessary. Prohibits the use of dogs during deer hunting seasons and requires private property owners to report the number of wild hogs killed within one month of eradication to the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency on an agency form.

#### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant** 

Other Fiscal Impact – There may be additional expenditures for state and local government entities over the long-term if violations increase as a result of wild hog hunting; however, any such impact is dependent upon multiple unknown factors and cannot be reasonably determined.

#### Assumptions:

- The Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA) will not incur a significant increase in expenditures to provide a form and collect the required reports.
- Based on information provided by the Department of Agriculture and the TWRA, this bill would require additional enforcement and regulatory personnel due to an increase in potential violations, complaints, and spread of disease to other animals. Any fiscal impact is estimated to occur after the first two years of passage.
- The fiscal impact over the long-term cannot be reasonably determined due to unknown factors, but the immediate fiscal impact is estimated to be not significant.

#### **CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Jeffrey L. Spalding, Executive Director

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